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FROM OXMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: BALTIC SEA: SOVIET AND POLISH MOVES

1. I HAVE LEARNED FROM SCANDINAVIAN OBSERVERS AT AALCC MEETING HERE THAT USSR HAS RECENTLY REQUESTED A FORMAL CONVENTION AMONG BALTIC STATES ON BALTIC CONTINENTAL SHELF ALONG LINES 1968 DECLARATION, WHICH, INTER ALIA, WOULD LIMIT CONTINENTAL SHELF USES TO QTE PEACEFUL PURPOSES UNQTE AND PROHIBIT NON-BALTIC STATE ACTIVITIES ON CONTINENTAL SHELF. EFFECT OF LATTER CLAUSE UNCLEAR ON CONTINENTAL SHELF ACTIVITIES BY U.S. AND OTHER FOREIGN COMPANIES AUTHORIZED BY COASTAL STATE, AND PRECISE WORDING MAY REVEAL A MILITARY OBJECTIVE. SOVIETS ARE USING
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CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT IN BALTIC POLLUTION

CONVENTION AS ONE BASIS FOR NEW MOVE.

2. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE SAME SOURCES IN CONFIDENCE THAT POLAND IS PREPARING A GENERAL CONVENTION ON THE BALTIC THAT MAY ALSO DEAL WITH NAVIGATION AND FISHING MATTERS. I NOTED THAT LIMITATIONS ON THIRD-STATE NAVIGATION RIGHTS, IN ADDITION TO RAISING LEGAL PROBLEMS, COULD HAVE EFFECT OF STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF THE MOST POWERFUL STATE IN THE REGION.

3. SOVIET FISHERIES MINISTER ISHKOV HAS INFORMED A HIGH-RANKING SCANDINAVIAN THAT ONCE THE 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE IS ESTABLISHED, FISHING IN THE BARENTS SEA WILL BE LIMITED TO THE USSR, NORWAY, AND THE U.S.
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